

NEWS ITEMS.

Back-liters.—A young man, what is better than a promising young man? A young man.

Mr. Uri Garrah, of Cleveland, shot by accident, a man walking out. The bullet is in his head.

A nephew of Sir Walter Scott saw wood in Montreal for a living. He had better write novels.

The United States supplies sixty per cent. of all the foreign wheat consumed in Great Britain and Ireland.

David Woodruff shot and killed his father in a drunken quarrel at St. Albans, Ind., a few days ago. He was arrested.

The mumps is raging among the Dartmouth sophomores, and they omit the vinegar from their hash and beans.

J. E. Redfield, of Connecticut, has been appointed receiver for the Pine Bluff (La.) and the Mississippi, Ouachita and Red River railroads.

The case which Senator Sumner walked with, during the summer after he was assaulted by Preston Brooks, is in the possession of the Charles Sumner Lodge of Odd Fellows at Cleveland, O.

Last Wednesday the people of Nebraska held the annual commemoration of "Arbor Day." They turned out in mass, and spent the hours of sunshine in planting forest trees upon the prairie.

The miners in Clearfield county, Pa., are all working with reduced force under protection of special police, at the old rate, namely fifty cents per ton. A great many of the miners are leaving for other parts of the employment.

The coming insane asylum keeper to visit: "Do you mean that man with his head bowed, his eyes cast down and his lips moving? Oh, yes; he was expelled down town for keeping his revolver on practicing just what I believe his word is 'zyggy'."

A. T. Wood and A. Irving, returned to the Dominion Parliament in the government interest for bribery by agents. The charges of personal bribery were not pressed, and they are therefore not disqualified from running again.

There was a lively revolt at the Sing Sing (N. Y.) prison, Monday. A number of convicts jumped aboard a sloop, drove the crew off and were cutting loose, when a guard, well-handled, leaped on board, and drawing his revolver, fired right and left till he drove every man ashore.

An amiable youth at New England, N. Y., named Lafayette, strangled his grandmother in bed, fired pistol shots at a young lady who had rejected his addresses, and her mother, and then, supposing he had killed them, wound them, put a bullet through his own crazy head and expired.

Mr. Eaton, superintendent of the new capital at Albany, informs the Senate investigating committee that with \$25,000 he will be able to put a roof on the building in two years, and the Legislature could go into its chambers in three years. He says he needs more money to finish the building.

The flood blockade on the Union Pacific railroad in Utah is at an end. The waters have subsided and all the washouts, where a gate, well-handled, leaped on board, and drawing his revolver, fired right and left till he drove every man ashore.

A negro attempted to ravish Mrs. Newkirk, near Tipton, Mo., Monday afternoon, but her daughter, only ten years old, struck him with a pickaxe, and gave the alarm. The negro fled, followed by the daughter, and four charges of bird shot into him, and finished him finally with a pistol bullet.

Col. George W. Gayle, who offered a reward of \$1,000 for the assassin of President Lincoln in 1864, has just died at Selma, Ala. He was a miserable fellow, who had degraded himself by dissipation, and had little property when he made his offer. He was imprisoned for the offense in Fort Monroe after the war, but, after a year, was released by President Johnson.

Several small boys at Rochester, N. Y., bombarded a family out of their wits and nearly out of their home by shooting them with a gun, and then, while playing the "Scouts of the Prairie," in which some figured as wild Indians, one as Buffalo Bill and another as Texas Jack, they sent the bullets crashing through the windows of the house, and the inmates had several narrow escapes.

He has been counting a girl for three years past and hadn't the courage to speak his mind. He was sitting on the sofa, the other night, she referred to the spelling-school excitement and added: "Matrimony is an awful long word to spell, isn't it?" He leaned over, grasped her hand, and the next morning he had arrangements made to be married on the Fourth of July.—(Detroit Free Press.)

The Cheyenne Indians, who whipped the troops, the other day, and then took to their heels, have bailed on Cimarron river, one hundred and fifty miles south of Dodge, have been joined by other war parties, who have been out all winter, and are represented to be spoiling for a fight. The troops are getting ready to meet the war skins as fast as possible, with orders to gather them in if it takes all summer.

At Murfreesboro, Tenn., a young lady student in the college recently got up during the night, donned a loose wrapper, and started for the house of a gallant colonel, she went to his room and lay down upon a lounge. The college authorities were notified, the girl was carried back, sleeping, and placed on her own bed, and as the facts might modify her, has been kept in ignorance of the whole transaction. That is the way the story is told.

Five or six years ago a man named Burdick killed a negro in Olean, N. Y., and was sentenced to hard labor, and the efforts of his counsel, J. R. Jewell, received a commutation to imprisonment for life. Recently he sent to Mr. Jewell a penitential letter, in colors and \$10 in cash. The latter had earned in prison by his skillful pen-drawings. He sold his pictures at a few pennies apiece, and hoarded the money for the man who had saved him from the gallows.

A well-organized gang of robbers, who have been systematically robbing the railroads centering at Indianapolis, Ind., for several months past, were detected and broken up, Tuesday. Among the party arrested were a prominent merchant named Smith, and a man who had stolen property from his store, and a farmer who picked the goods up, and they were thrown from the trains. The robbers were railroad employees. A large quantity of stolen goods, consisting of barrels of whisky and sugar, boxes of tobacco and boots and shoes, was recovered.

An Illinois jury has given Alice A. Early, a young woman of Rockford, a verdict of \$25,000 against Wilbur F. Story, editor of the Chicago Times, for having published a story assailing her character, about a year ago. The verdict was awarded in the face of evidence that the objectionable article was written under the belief that the story was true, several letters affirming its truth having been sent to the Times by prominent citizens of Rockford, and that a retraction was subsequently published. But the Times has a wanton taste for scandal, and a reckless way of assailing people, public and private, and the heavy damages probably represent a popular feeling of rebuke as much as the particular claim of the plaintiff in the case.

STATE NEWS.

Frank Gesman has recovered \$4,000 from the town of Milton for life insurance sustained through a defective policy.

A new union mutual fire insurance company is about to be organized at Montpelier. A meeting of the directors is called for April 27.

Twenty-seven hundred dozens of straw hats passed through St. Albans, in bond, Friday, from Montreal, consigned to a firm in New York.

Since October last, twenty-seven persons have died of scarlet fever in St. Albans, and the deaths were occasioned by pneumonia and scarlet fever.

Dyer Leffingwell has been appointed postmaster at Middlebury, Vt., in place of Mr. Abner Turbell, who was removed by a falling tree, while chopping, and lived but a few hours.

The New York Sun, in its account of the Concord celebration, speaks of St. Albans' crack company as the "magnificent Ransom Rangers."

Mr. H. J. Hinchley crossed the Lake on the ice, last Wednesday, from Essex, N. Y., to Charlotte, with six passengers. The ice was in good condition.

An unoccupied house, corner of Pearl and North streets, Rutland, owned by John Hynes and valued at \$2,000, was destroyed by fire last week Monday night.

The Springfield Republican says: St. Albans parties are negotiating for the purchase of the Burlington Free Press, with a view to change the editor.

The National Bank and Savings Institution at Bellows Falls are about to commence the erection of a large three-story brick block for the accommodation of their business.

A Brandon boy, named Grover, recently tried to imitate William Tell in his famous apple-bow-and-arrow scene, but failed of success and sent the arrow into a Whitmore's eye.

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The Rutland murderer, kept in a cell eight by four feet in size, and all the exercise he gets is when he is taken to the bathroom, once a week, he is shaved. He thinks it hard luck.

The books of the law library association at Burlington are to be placed in the same building with the Fletcher public library, and the Fletcher public library is to be placed in the same building with the law library.

Judge Royce, on the occasion of the recent admission of two young gentlemen to the Franklin county bar, remarked that they were "trained" on themselves, that they "had started on the road to poverty."

The listers of Worcester took the census of the town while taking the census of the State, and found that seventeen since the last United States census—there now being seven hundred and ninety-two inhabitants.

More than seventy persons, about half of whom were women, were held in custody during the revival at Royalton. The religious interest manifested there recently has been greater than has been known for years.

Fairfax was recently visited, on Monday afternoon of last week, which caught from the accident, speaking of the Kerensky lamp. Loss estimated at \$4,000 to \$5,000, partially covered by insurance in Atlas and Vermont Mutual.

A serious, and it is feared, fatal accident befell Mr. Frank R. Winchester of Pawlet, Sunday morning, April 11. He fell from a hay loft, it is reported, on the lines of a pitchfork, which penetrated his abdomen. The physician gives no encouragement that he will recover.

Corra Green, a sweet tempered miss of St. Johnsbury, fourteen years old, who shot the other day, because her parents insisted on her quitting when she didn't want to, and made two attempts to become an angel by taking a course of abstinence. The physician gives no encouragement that she will recover.

A three-year-old son of David Johnson, of Tuftsbury, fell into a deep well, the other day, but lodged on the bucket, and was rescued. The mother attempted to draw him up, telling him to cling on, but when almost dead, he gave a wrench that broke the strength of the bucket, and he fell to the bottom, thirty feet, he was killed.

Wm. Laper, of East Enosburg, went to his brother-in-law's house in the night, while he was away, and tied his hands and feet to the bedstead, and outraged her person. For a while he carried the marks of his abusive treatment on her wrists and arms. When she was released, she was found dead, but he was not arrested.

In view of the 30th day of April being fixed upon as the day of fasting and prayer by the friends of temperance in England, the Women's National Christian Temperance Union unite with the day by holding a series of religious meetings, and by doing such other work as the Spirit may prompt.

Miss Mary Clancy, a domestic in the employ of Dr. J. J. Dewey, of Montpelier, committed suicide in the residence of the latter, about noon, on Wednesday last week, by jumping from a large window of the third story, where she had lived a number of years in that village, where she had many friends. She was a worthy, respected girl, and no cause was assigned for her religious excitement, can be assigned for the rash act. Her family live in the Coxe Brook neighborhood in Montpelier.

The death of Miss Carrie E. Hitchcock, of Brandon, aged sixty years, in an afflictive event which has called forth much sympathy and has made a profound impression upon her young friends and relatives, occurred on Sunday afternoon after a painful illness of three months, which she bore with great patience and fortitude. Her funeral was attended on Wednesday afternoon at the Baptist church; services conducted by Rev. Dr. Thomas. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends, including members of the high and grammar schools.

The Brattleboro Phoenix has an account of a spooky school meeting in No. 6 district in Stratford, which was a continuous session for eighteen hours. It appears that one party wanted to sustain a school and the other didn't. The vote for moderator was carried on an hour a motion to adjourn would be voted down. Some of the time was devoted to speaking, scolding, etc., in a Congress. At daylight, next morning, anxious wives were out looking for their husbands, and finding them in the above condition returned home for refreshment that were supplied to the refractory school meeting. This went on for eighteen hours, till it was found that one party were determined to continue the school, and the other to discontinue it, and the heavy damages probably represent a popular feeling of rebuke as much as the particular claim of the plaintiff in the case.

Middlebury Register.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1875.

New York and Boston are swallowing thousands of quarts of southern strawberries, with sugar.

The Brooklyn Eagle says that the war record of the Democracy is not only defensible, but "illustratively commendable." Fetch on our smelling bottle, quick.

The lady sophomores of Burlington college are several hours behind their brothers. They indulged in a class breakfast the other day, when the others had a supper.

The most valued criminal on this continent is Boss Tweed. In the new civil suit to recover stolen public money which has been recently brought against him, his bail is fixed at \$8,000,000.

W. F. Story, of the Chicago Times, seems to get into hot water continually, by reason of a certain propensity which he manifests of publishing stories about people. A jury has recently brought in a verdict against him for the little sum of \$25,000, in a suit of Miss Alice Early, of Rockford, Ill., for publishing a story derogatory to her good character. She succeeded in satisfying the jury that her character was all right. She is lucky, even if the story was true; \$25,000 restores a bad character perfectly, now-days.

Most American readers have no clearer or more definite idea of the great Tichborne trial than that there was a long and bitter controversy in which perjury and corruption were constituent elements and that the claimant was at length utterly defeated and made out to be a fraud of the first water. It now appears that a large party of people in England and America, sympathize with the claimant, so far, at least, as to charge Chief Justice Cockburn, who presided on the trial, with most disgraceful methods of administering justice. Representing this sentiment Dr. Kenaly, in Parliament, last Friday, made a motion impugning the verdict of the jury, moving a royal commission to investigate the circumstances attending the Tichborne trial.

He made a powerful speech in support of his motion, alluding to the growing dissatisfaction at the result of these trials, asserting that he had positive proof that the Chief-Justice had said in society while the trial was in progress, that he would give the claimant fifteen years imprisonment. He said the penalties for contempt of court had been directed against one side only and the partiality of the bench was patent throughout the proceedings. After a few words of opposition by Messrs. Disraeli, Bright and other leading members, the motion was carried by a majority of one.

This result proves, not that the Chief-Justice's method of administering justice is so universally approved, but that Dr. Kenaly is utterly without influence in the House of Commons. After his interperate defense of the claimant he could not reasonably expect much personal sympathy or support.

No public man, or private citizen either for that matter, can reasonably hope or expect, in an active life, to entirely escape criticism in the form of charges of dishonesty or other scandalous proceedings. If he can escape conviction by his own conscience and secure a general belief in his integrity by the evil thinking public, he may congratulate himself and imagine himself satisfied. Of course we must admit an immense amount of corruption and venality. But it should be remembered that assertion is not proof, that charges are not of necessity well founded.

At this stage of proceedings it is impossible to determine with any degree of certainty as to the foundation of the charges lately preferred against Mr. Secretary Delano. According to all established precedent the opposition and independent journals will assume, and attempt to convince the public, that he is guilty. So far the charges only involve Mr. Delano's private life, but it requires only a slight stretch of the independent imagination to connect the father with the son in these transactions. Whether they are true as against the son is not yet apparent. But the charge has been preferred and an attempt is made at once to manufacture political capital out of the matter. Whatever may be the truth as to this particular matter, the readiness of the leaders of public opinion to assume guilt without proof, is disgraceful in the extreme. It is a sad commentary on our civilization.

Of the sixty-six newspapers published in Vermont from the 1781 to 1841, only twelve are in existence to-day, as follows: Rutland Herald, Rutland, started in 1792, by Anthony Haswell; Vermont Patriot, Montpelier, Sept. 1807, Samuel Gove; North Star, Danville, Jan. 1807, Ebenezer Eaton; Vermont Chronicle, Bellows Falls, 1829, E. C. Tracy; Burlington Free Press, Burlington, June, 1827, H. B. Stacy; Vergennes Vermont, Vergennes, Jan. 1838, R. W. Griswold; Caledonian, St. Johnsbury, July, 1837, A. G. Chadwick; Brattleboro Phoenix, Brattleboro, Aug. 1834, W. E. Ryther; Spirit of the Age, Woodstock, May, 1840, Charles G. Eastman; Vermont Journal, Windsor, Aug. 1838, Hough & Spooner; Messenger, St. Albans, Jan. 1838, E. B. Whiting; Vermont Gazette, (new series,) Bennington, June, 1838, Haswell & Russell.—Age.

The above seems to be slightly inaccurate. As for instance, the Vermont has only just entered upon its twenty-first volume, by its own weekly exhibit, and the name of the Middlebury Register was omitted from the list. The Brattleboro Phoenix has been published continuously since first established by H. H. Houghton, on the 15th day of October, 1831, under the name of "The American."

Terrible Steamboat Disaster.

Last Friday night a terrible disaster occurred at New Orleans and many persons lost their lives in a most sudden and appalling manner. Three steamboats were burned and the fire spread with such rapidity that fatal results followed. The circumstances were as follows:

It appears that the John Kyle, the Exporter, and the Charles Bodman were lying at the foot of Poydras street, moored to one rib, a fire broke out in the blacksmith shop of the John Kyle, and rapidly extended. All on board were ordered to leave, as the total destruction of the steamboat was inevitable, notwithstanding the attempt of a tugboat to stay the progress of the flames by throwing water on the ignited portion of the vessel. In less than two minutes after the fire was observed the entire cabin was in a blaze. The Kyle was cut loose, but at the same time the mooring ropes of the Exporter and the Bodman were also severed, and the three boats drifted out together into the stream. The Exporter instantly caught fire and three on board only barely escaped to the Bodman which also took fire. As the three vessels were burning the scene was terrible. It was with the greatest difficulty that any boats could approach the glowing mass from the flames driven by the force of a smart breeze which swept the river. The exact number of those who lost their lives, either by burning or by drowning, is not yet known.

Surly at this late day shipbuilders should be able to build river steamboats sufficiently light and yet not so inflammable as to prove veritable fire-traps.

Looking up Leakages.

Postmaster General Jewell is commendably vigilant in retifying abuses and stopping the leakages in the Post Office Department. His latest effort is in ferreting out and correcting abuses in the item of repairing mail bags.

He thought the expense of repairing mail bags was high, and he has had special agents looking the matter up, which they have done most successfully. At St. Louis these agents found that the contractor directed his men to make the work average \$125 to the 100 pouches. In order to do this, they butcher them and then repair them to the desired amount. It is reached by patching pouches have been cut and packed in the most ridiculous manner, good bottom leather having been straps out of, handles and staples cut off and holes cut into them without limit. The total amount paid him by government from May, 1874, to January 1, 1875, was \$7,554.05, and since the latter date he has received \$1,000. The amount charged for repairs has been steadily on the increase and the agent thinks, if not checked, would have increased monthly. At St. Louis these agents found that the contractor directed his men to make the work average \$125 to the 100 pouches. In order to do this, they butcher them and then repair them to the desired amount. It is reached by patching pouches have been cut and packed in the most ridiculous manner, good bottom leather having been straps out of, handles and staples cut off and holes cut into them without limit. The total amount paid him by government from May, 1874, to January 1, 1875, was \$7,554.05, and since the latter date he has received \$1,000. The amount charged for repairs has been steadily on the increase and the agent thinks, if not checked, would have increased monthly. At St. Louis these agents found that the contractor directed his men to make the work average \$125 to the 100 pouches. In order to do this, they butcher them and then repair them to the desired amount. It is reached by patching pouches have been cut and packed in the most ridiculous manner, good bottom leather having been straps out of, handles and staples cut off and holes cut into them without limit. The total amount paid him by government from May, 1874, to January 1, 1875, was \$7,554.05, and since the latter date he has received \$1,000. The amount charged for repairs has been steadily on the increase and the agent thinks, if not checked, would have increased monthly.

These men were originally returned by the returning Board, but refused to take the seats, and the Republican contestants were seated instead.—Journal.

Fire in Rutland.

A fire was discovered on Sunday morning, at 2:30 o'clock, in the basement of the Rutland Herald building, which, when discovered, had burned up through the floor of the building into the book store of Tuttle & Co. It looked at one time as if the Herald establishment must burn, but by the almost superhuman efforts of the firm and the citizens, the stability of the building it was saved in a damaged condition. Some of the contents, stock and machinery were consumed or very badly damaged. The daily Herald, however, appeared on Monday morning, as usual. The cause of the fire is not definitely known, but it is supposed to be a gas explosion from a coal stove or an over-heated stove. The loss to Messrs. Tuttle & Co., and the Herald Association is about \$10,000, and is fully covered by insurance.

Tragic Death of an Elephant.

The big elephant in the Zoological garden at Hamburg has not been in a healthy condition for some time, and on Sunday he died. A year and a half ago the wooden floor of his stable, after being repaired, had been replaced by a floor of stone. Since that time the animal had refused to lie down, and slept standing. Gradually his limbs became stiffened, and he lost the faculty of rising when once upon the ground. Last Sunday he had a fall on the slippery floor. Ten men with the aid of a pulley, tried to raise him up, but without success. The poor beast had to remain day and night in the same awkward position, spending its strength in the vain endeavor to get upon its legs, so that next morning it had become so exhausted that it refused to take its usual food. A powerful apparatus was used employed to lift the animal up, but unfortunately one of the straps got around its neck and strangled it.

Mr. Trever W. Park has filed his answer in the famous Emma Mine suit in New York. It is in no sense different from the answer which he filed in the negotiations which he has carried off the property to an English company. He denies all fraud and all misrepresentation, and claims that he gave the English stockholders all the knowledge of the mine which he possessed himself, and that in all respects they went into it with their eyes open and that it was their misfortune and not his fault. He further alleges that he believes that a majority of the stock is at present owned by persons who bought it after it had fallen in the market to a merely nominal price and that they, and not the original owners, are the persons who are to be held responsible for the loss. He says the mine at the very worst, is worth more than its cost to these men. Perhaps this is true. It is probably true that it is worth more than its cost to Mr. Park. He made not less than a million and a half of dollars, not from the mine but from the stock. The question now is, whether anybody may be interested in the mine, and if so, who? It is an operation, but whether he really did amuse those blasted English, and when the suit is tried we shall know—whereas now we can only guess.—Messenger.

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